

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 34 as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-33 and 36.

Please add claims 37-58 as set forth below.

A complete listing of all claims in this application is set forth below.

Claims 1-33 (canceled).

34. (currently amended) A surgical garment system comprising:

a helmet configured to be supported on the head of a wearer, said helmet including a chin bar configured to extend adjacent to a chin of the wearer when the helmet is supported on the head of the wearer, and said chin bar defining a slot;

~~a number of airflow passageways defined by said helmet to direct airflow across the body of the wearer;~~

~~a fan assembly including an inlet opening defined by said helmet and a fan supported by said helmet within said inlet opening and operable to direct generate airflow through said number of airflow passageways;~~

a face shield supported on by said helmet, said face shield having a lower edge and a tab extending from said lower edge, said tab configured to be received within said slot defined in said chin bar; and

a magnetic attachment mechanism operable to secure said face shield to said chin bar, said magnetic attachment mechanism including (i) a magnet attached to one of said face shield and said chin bar, and (ii) a magnetically attracted material attached to the other of said face shield and said chin bar; and

a shroud attached to said face shield and sized and configured to cover at least said helmet, ~~said shroud including a filter element positioned on said shroud to overlay said inlet opening and a portion of said helmet surrounding said inlet opening when said shroud is covering said helmet, said filter element defining an area greater than the area of said inlet opening when said filter element overlies said inlet opening and said helmet~~

wherein downward movement of said face shield in relation to said helmet is inhibited by contact between said lower edge of said face shield and said chin bar when said tab of said face shield is located within said slot of said chin bar.

35. (original) A head gear apparatus comprising:

a helmet configured to be supported on the head of a wearer, said helmet including a chin bar extending adjacent the chin of the wearer when the helmet is supported on the head of the wearer, said helmet defining a face opening above said chin bar; and

a face shield supported on said chin bar, said face shield sized to cover only a portion of said face opening;

said helmet including a rear portion supporting a fan, a ventilation conduit receiving airflow from said fan and projecting forward and cantilevered from said rear portion across the top of the wearer's head, and a pair of support struts connected to said ventilation conduit at the perimeter of said face opening, said support struts, ventilation conduit and rear portion defining rear openings above a portion of the wearer's head.

Claim 36 (canceled).

37. (new) A surgical garment system comprising:

a helmet configured to be supported on the head of a wearer, said helmet including an extension portion configured to extend adjacent to a chin of the wearer when the helmet is supported on the head of the wearer, said extension portion having (i) a left lateral portion, (ii) a right lateral portion, and (iii) a middle portion interposed between said left lateral portion and said right lateral portion, said middle portion defining a slot;

a face shield having a lower edge and a tab extending from said lower edge, said tab configured to be received within said slot defined in said middle portion of said extension portion, and said face shield defining a perimeter portion;

a first magnetic attachment mechanism including (i) a first magnet attached to one of said face shield and said left lateral portion of said extension portion, and (ii) a first magnetically attracted material attached to the other of said face shield and said left lateral portion of said extension portion;

a second magnetic attachment mechanism including (i) a second magnet attached to one of said face shield and said right lateral portion of said extension portion, and (ii) a second magnetically attracted material attached to the other of said face shield and said right lateral portion of said extension portion; and

a shroud attached to said face shield at said perimeter portion and configured to cover at least said helmet,

wherein downward movement of said face shield in relation to said helmet is inhibited by contact between said lower edge of said face shield and middle portion of said extension portion when said tab of said face shield is located within said slot defined in said middle portion of said extension portion.

38. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 37, wherein:
said shroud defines a viewing opening, and
said face shield is positioned over said viewing opening.

39. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 37, further comprising a
fan assembly supported by said helmet, said fan assembly being operable to
generate a flow of air within said shroud.

40. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 37, wherein said shroud
is a fabric shroud.

41. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 37, wherein said face
shield is sewn to said shroud.

42. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 37, wherein:
said middle portion of said extension portion includes a ledge, and
said lower edge of said face shield rests on said ledge.

43. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 37, wherein:

said helmet further includes a ventilation component defining an air passage,

said ventilation component extends from a rear of said helmet to a front of said helmet,

said ventilation component includes a shield contact surface,

said face shield has an upper edge portion, and

said upper edge portion of said face shield is positioned in contact with said shield contact portion of said ventilation component when both (i) said first magnet is positioned in contact with said first magnetically attracted material, and (ii) said second magnet is positioned in contact with said second magnetically attracted material.

44. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 37, wherein:

said first magnetically attracted material includes a first metallic member, and

said second magnetically attracted material includes a second metallic member.

45. (new) A surgical garment system comprising:

a helmet configured to be supported on the head of a wearer, said helmet including an extension portion configured to extend adjacent to a chin of the wearer when the helmet is supported on the head of the wearer, and said extension portion defining a slot;

a face shield having an alignment member configured to be received within said slot defined in said extension portion, said face shield defining a perimeter portion;

a magnetic attachment mechanism operable to secure said face shield to said extension portion, said magnetic attachment mechanism including (i) a magnet attached to one of said face shield and said extension portion, and (ii) a magnetically attracted material attached to the other of said face shield and said extension portion; and

a shroud attached to said face shield at said perimeter portion and configured to cover at least said helmet,

wherein downward movement of said face shield in relation to said helmet is inhibited by contact between a lower edge of said face shield and said extension portion when said alignment member of said face shield is located within said slot defined in said extension portion.

46. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 45, wherein:

said shroud defines a viewing opening, and

said face shield is positioned over said viewing opening.

47. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 45, further comprising a fan assembly supported by said helmet, said fan assembly being operable to generate a flow of air within said shroud.

48. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 45, wherein said shroud is a fabric shroud.

49. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 45, wherein said face shield is sewn to said shroud.

50. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 45, wherein:

said middle portion of said extension portion includes a ledge, and

said lower edge of said face shield rests on said ledge.

51. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 45, wherein:
said helmet further includes a ventilation component defining an air passage,
said ventilation component extends from a rear of said helmet to a front of said helmet,
said ventilation component includes a shield contact surface,
said face shield has an upper edge portion, and
said upper edge portion of said face shield is positioned in contact with said shield contact portion of said ventilation component when said magnet is positioned in contact with said magnetically attracted material.

52. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 37, wherein:
said magnetically attracted material includes a metallic member attached to said face shield, and
said magnet is attached to said extension portion of said helmet.

53. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 34, wherein:
said shroud defines a viewing opening, and
said face shield is positioned over said viewing opening.

54. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 34, wherein said shroud is a fabric shroud.

55. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 34, wherein said face shield is sewn to said shroud.

56. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 34, wherein:
said chin bar includes a ledge, and
said lower edge of said face shield rests on said ledge.

57. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 34, wherein:
said helmet further includes a ventilation component defining an air passage that is in fluid communication with said airflow generated by said fan assembly,
said ventilation component extends from a rear of said helmet to a front of said helmet,
said ventilation component includes a shield contact surface,
said face shield has an upper edge portion, and
said upper edge portion of said face shield is positioned in contact with said shield contact portion of said ventilation component when said face shield is support by said helmet.

58. (new) The surgical garment system of claim 34, wherein said magnetically attracted material includes a metallic member.